

# North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

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## REGIONAL WATER BOARD COLLECTS FINE TO PAY FOR CLEANUPS

**SANTA ROSA** - On Monday, January 30, 2006, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board received a \$101,000 payment of an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for failing to comply with the requirements of a Section 401 Water Quality Certification for a Highway 101 bridge replacement project on the Van Duzen River near Fortuna (Humboldt County).

The money will be put in an account dedicated to cleaning up water pollution problems.

Staff issued the complaint after an investigation revealed that Caltrans failed to adhere to the requirements and best management practices included in the water quality certification for the project, and the discharge or threatened discharge of sediment, oil, petroleum products, and other construction materials into the river. Caltrans waived its right to a hearing on the matter.

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